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BETHEL CHURCH, CLAY COUNTY ALA.,
SATURDAY, SEPT. 21ST, 1878, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

1st. The Boiling Spring Baptist Association met according to adjournment.

2nd. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder H. C. Knight. Text 10 chapter of Romans and 4 verse. "For Christ is the end of the Law for Righteousness, to every one that believeth."

3rd. Adjourned for refreshments until 1½ o'clock P. M.

4th. At half past one o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J W. Chandler.

5th. Brethren J. A. Kennedy and W. W. Payne were requested to receive, and M. F. McClintock and J H. Fullerton to read the letters from the churches, which show the following brethren as authorized delegates.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Absentees marked *

Bethlehem—E. B. Kilgroe, W. J. Henry, W. N. Beaty, J. H. Davis.

Ebenezer—S. V. Hughes, W. B. Wade, J. T. Hughes*.

Hopeful—J. M. Barrett, J. H Collins, D. T. Nall*.

Salt Creek—J. F. Clark, A. Adams*, R. Wilkerson.

Mt. Pisgah—J. L. W. Davis. John Stancil, W. B. Jowers.

Providence—F. M Burk*, J. T. Millsap, W. Gilbert.

Union—J. A. C. Shaddix, G. W. Bruce, F. M. Dempsey.

Sardis—D. Lackey, W. H. Clark, B. A. Limbaugh.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethel—A. Leverett, H. W. Armstrong, J. A. Kennedy, J. H. Armstrong.

Bethsaida—J. H. Abel, J. L. Chandler, J. W. McClintock.

Hepsibah—M. H. Morrison, S. W. Hingston, J. A. Burdett, T. J. Strong.

Pleasant Grove, Cleburn Co.—John Campbell, J. T. Watson, Jas. Campbell.

New Harmony—J. M Hendon, L. B. Ingram*, Wm. Rhodes.

Pleasant Hill—J. N. Williams*, N. C. Kennedy, J. H. Morris.

Fellowship—Not represented.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Mt. Moriah—W. H. Preston, W. M. Garrett, W. G. Preston*, J. C. French, Alt.

Mt. Olive—H. Sims, A. Myhand, S. T. Sims.

Ramah—J. M. Dillon, W. T Moon, J. H. Fullerton.

Christiana—A. G. Preston, W. Kidd, A. G. Preston.

Good Hope—Jas McClintock, W. W. Payne, R. C. Miller, J. L. McClintock, Alt

Pleasant Grove, Clay Co.—Wm. Hardy, Jesse Robertson, W. H. Garrett.

6th. Organized permanently by re-electing Elder T. H. Howle, Moderator, and J. W. McClintock Clerk.

7th. On motion, adopted the former order of Business.

8th. Read the rules of decorum.

9th. Called for letters from churches desiring membership.

10th Invited visiting Brethren and ministers from other Associations to seats with us, and called for correspondents, and received from the Coosa River, Elder S. G. Jenkins.

From Tallasahatchie, Elder M. Garrett, J. W. Riddle, J. M. Busby, J. Rhodes.

From Cary. Rev. G. B Jenkins, jun., Eld. W. T. Davis, T. J. Coleman, G. B. Jenkins, Sen., and W. D. Haynes.

Arbacoochee, Eld. J. J. Teague, Brothers H Morris, P. M. Howle, T. P. Wright.

11th. Appointed a committee to arrange Preaching viz: M. K. Morrison, J. T Clark, Wm. Preston with the deacons of Bethel Church.

12th. Appointed the following committee on Finance, viz: Brethren J. H. Abel, J. H. Fullerton, J A. Kennedy, and T. J. Strong.

13th. On motion, suspended the order of business to hear some remarks from G. B. Jenkins Sen., and others, in reference to building a Baptist High School at Lineville by co-operating with the Cary Association, and on motion, appointed H. W. Armstrong, J. H. Abel and J. H. Fullerton as a committee to draft suitable Resolutions relative there-to, for the consideration of the body at 10 o'clock Monday morning.

14th. The committee on Preaching reported Elder J. M. Barrett to preach at candle light, followed by Rev J. W. Stephens; at 9 A. M. Sabbath, Elder S. G. Jenkins, and after prayer by Eld. S. G. Jenkins, in behalf of the churches, adjourned to meet Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Engaged in prayer-meeting at half past 8 o'clock.

Preaching at the School House at 9 o'clock by Elder S. G. Jenkins, at 11 o'clock the Missionary sermon was preached by Elder T. H. Howle, text, 2 chapter of Ephesians and 4 last verses. Also at the church by Elder M. Garrett, at 2 P. M. preaching at the school house by Elder A. F. Allen, also at the church by Elder J. J. Teague, at candle light by Elder J. A. Shaddix, followed by J. G. Nall.

The appointments were all filled with much ability, and earnestness, good order prevailed, and we had abundant reason to thank God and take courage.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator, was led in prayer by Elder M. Garrett.

15th. Called the roll

16th Read and adopted the preceding Minute.

17th. Invited visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats, renewed the call for correspondents. Received Elder W. T. Davis from (Cary Association.)

18th. Called for reports of Standing Committees.

Domestic Mission no report.

Report on the Bible read and adopted. See appendix A.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. See appendix B.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted. See appendix C.

Report on Temperance read and adopted. See appendix D.

Report on Queries read and adopted. See appendix E.

Report on Family Worship (excused)

Report on Publications read and adopted. See appendix F.

Report of the Committee to answer Queries. See appendix G.

19th. At 10 o'clock called for the report of the Committee appointed to draft Resolutions relative to the building of a Baptist High School at Lineville, report as follows:

Your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions to meet the request of the Cary Association, in building of a Baptist High School, ask leave to submit the following:

Resolved, That while we would be glad to do all that is in our power, to promote the cause of Education, we deem it inexpedient under the present Financial condition of our country, to commence a work of such magnitude. Report adopted.

On motion, adjourned for refreshments until 1½ o'clock.

HALF PAST ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The body was called to order by the moderator; was led in prayer by Rev. W. J. Campbell.

20th. Called for the report of the committee on Query No. 2. (violations of the decalogue.) Committee not being present, on motion, said query was tabled.

21st. Called for the report of the committee appointed on building the High School at Delta, committee not having made any effort in that direction. On motion, said committee was discharged from further liabilities, and the project abandoned by the Association.

22nd. On motion, appointed correspondents to sister Associations.

To Coosa River—J. M. Barrett, J. G. Nall, D. N. Hembree, E. B. Kilgroe and Elder A. F. Allen.

To Tallasahatchee—H. W. Armstrong, J. H. Abel, J. W. McClintock, Elder J D. Jordan, H. C. Knight.

To Arbacoochee—Elder T. H. Howle, W. H. Preston, J. H. Morris, N. C. Kennedy, J. A. Burdett, Wm. Odell, A. J. Preston.

To Harmony—J. M. Dillon, Elder F. M. Campbell.

To Cary—Elder J. D. Jordan, John W. Stephens, G. W. Bruce, W. H. Preston, Elder E. Miller, W. M. Garrett, D. Lackey, T. W. Moon, J. B. Payne, W. H. Clark, Elder T. H. Howle.

23rd. Appointed the following Brethren, delegates to the Baptist State Convention, viz: Elder W. O. Jenkins, Elder M. J. Sorrel, J. H. Abel.

24th Appointed the following committees to report at next session.

On Domestic Missions—J W Chandler, J F Clark, W N Bean.

On the Bible—F M Campbell, J A Kennedy, S W Hingston.

Sabbath Schools—H W Armstrong, E Miller, W H Preston.

On Obituaries—M H Morrison, A Leverett, L B Ingram.

On Temperance—A F Allen, J G Nall, Jno W Stephens.

On Queries—M F McClintock, E B Kilgroe, T J Morrison.

On Executive Business—J H Abel, W W Payne, J H Fullerton.

On Publications—Jas McClintock, J D Jordan, Wm Odell.

On Family Worship—Jas A Shaddix, Mansil Garrett, M J Sorrell.

To answer Queries—J H Armstrong, Hulin Preston, Wiley Harris.

25th. On motion, suspended the order of business to allow the committee on preaching to appoint some one to preach the Missionary and Introductory sermons at the next session of this body.

The committee reported as follows: Elder A F Allen, to preach the Missionary, and Elder F M Campbell alternate, Elder J D Jordan to preach the Introductory, Elder J A Shaddix, alternate.

26th. Finance report read and adopted. See appendix H.

27th. Treasurers report read and adopted. See appendix I.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st. Whereas, it is necessary to have a definite rule by which to be governed in the transaction of business, be it therefore, Resolved that Maells Parlimentary practice be adopted by this body as our future guide. Adopted.

Resolved, 2nd. That the Brother clerk have 300 copies of the minutes of this session printed and distribute them according to funds sent up from each church, and retain the balance for his services.

Resolved, 3rd. That the next session of this body be held with Salt Creek church 8 miles east of Munford.

Resolved, 4th. That we return thanks to our Heavenly Father, for his preserving care over us, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of Bethel church for their kindness and devoted care for us, during our stay with them.

Resolved, 5th. That this Association approve of the action of the Board of the State Convention in sending Bro H A Williams as an Evangelist. Rejected.

28th. On motion, read and adopted the minutes, a hymn was sung, the parting hand taken, was led in prayer by Elder T J Coleman, and adjourned to meet with Salt Creek church, on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in September, A. D. 1879.

T. H. HOWLE, Moderator.

J W. McCLINTOCK, Clerk.

P S The meeting in the first District will be held with Providence church, commencing on Friday before 3rd, and in the second District at Pleasant Hill church, on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1879. The third District at Christiana on Friday before the 3rd, in July, 1879.

The clerks of churches will please put the names of delegates on the back of their letters which they send up to the Association.

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APPENDIX.

(A.) REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE.

Since there has been so many elaborate discussions, and so many able reports already offered, and the subject on which we your committee are now called upon to report, we must confess that we feel incompetent to the task, which has been assigned us; but being fully aware, that any excuse, or apology that we could offer, would be unavailing, we would respectfully invite your attention to the following as our report.

The word Bible, at once suggest to minds of reflection, ideas both noble, grand, and sublime, and more especially when preceded by, and when inseparably connected with the article *the* and the adjective *Holy*, the one a definitive and the other a descriptive word. The question naturally suggests itself to the mind, in the first place, as to whence this name. Suffice it to say that the word Bible alone in itself, considered, simply means book, a name common to all inscriptions, or writings bound in like form; but the Holy Bible means more than this. When we say the Bible, the idea is at once conceived that we have reference to a book differing in some respects from any and all other books. And when we say the Holy Bible we describe it, and thereby design to convey the

idea as to wherein it differs from other writings in book form. This book may be properly so called in the first place, in consequence of its Divine origin. Its inscription being communicated to men on earth whom God Himself appointed, and who wrote as they were inspired, and taught by omnipotence From the fact that it is the book of our religion in the second place, and the only book that teaches man in full, whence he is and unto whom he owes his allegiance. It teaches man his whole duty which he owes to his Divine Creator; as well as his duty towards his fellow-man. Its precepts are pure and unadulterated, either with falsehood or error, and hence a religion founded upon its moral teachings, its holy principles, is by far the best of any and all religions. Indeed no religion which has not for its foundation, the moral teachings and principales set forth in the scriptures of Divine truth is worth claiming. There are, it is very true, various systems of religion, held forth in the world, but there is but one that is pure, and genuine, and that is the religion of the Bible, and which the apostles describes thus: "Pure and undefiled religion is this, to visit the widow and the orphan, and keep yourself unspotted from the world.

Truly then since this book contains the principles and doctrine of our religion, it should therefore be more highly prized than any other Book. There are, it is true, many other good books which claim our attention, and from which we may learn many important lessons; but none so worthy as the Bible, and as a History there is none better, nor is there any more truthfull. Hence, he who would read History cannot find one better calculated to interest the mind than that found within the Bible. As a Biography it is unsurpassed, and as a Novel, there is none to equal it. Yea, 'tis in this blessed volume that the young man and the young lady, would they but scan its silvery pages, find something far more useful, interesting, grand and sublime, than any of those novels of fiction, over which many of them pore until a midnight hour or until the cock gives notice of the dawning of another day. Its value cannot be estimated, it marks out the way from earth to Heaven, and also points out to impenitent men and women the woeful destiny which awaits them beyond the grave, while it teaches that there is a rest that remaineth for the people of God. It again teaches that there is no rest for the wicked, but a fearful looking for of the fiery indignation and wrath of a sin avenging God. Then, my dear Brethren, since the Bible is the Book of Books, since its moral precepts and teachings are far more precions and more important to men on earth than the precepts and teachings of any other book. Let us take it as our only rule of faith and practice, and endeavor to acquaint ourselves with its moral precepts, ever remembering

the Divine injunction, wherein it is said "Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." Let us also bear in mind and endeavor to embrace the true sentiments which are contained in the language of the Poet, wherein he hath said, in speaking of the Bible:

Blessed volume, Book Divine,
How I love thy truths sublime."

A. F. ALLEN, Ch'mn.

(B.) *REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.*

Having been appointed at the last session of this Body to make a report on Sabbath Schools, we submit the following:

The number of Schools in our bounds is 6, number of students in attendance 300; a very small proportion to the number of churches and children and older persons within our bounds. Brethren, this should not be the case any longer in our Associational District; and we do hope that brethren and sisters will see the all importance of at once engaging in the grand and noble cause of Sabbath Schools, that at our next meeting together we may hear that every church in this Association may have a well organized subbath school. Brethren, as much as has been said on this subject in the past, we feel that there is yet room for more. And oh! that we were able to stir up your minds to action We are satisfied that energy and perseverance in the cause is what is needed. It is not because you do not believe that it is right in the sight of God, so much as it is negligence upon our part. We are too careless, too unconcerned, brethren and sisters. We are commanded to search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me. Learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart; they that seek me early shall find me.' We do not pretend to argue the point that the Sabbath School is the place to convert persons, this is not the intention of the organization; but it is to learn the Scriptures, to learn our duty to God and our fellow man, this we are satisfied is the only intention of the Sabbath School organization. We as Baptists profess to take the Bible for the man of our counsel, the only rule of faith and practice, the way-bill from earth to heaven. Why then object to teaching it to others, and more especially to our dear children that God has given us to stand in our places when we are gone? Shall we not teach the little ones; shall we not teach the older, that our country may be blessed with a Bible reading, a God loving and serving people? Awake to righteousness and sin not. Brethren, think ye that if to-day the Bible, with its influences was to be taken from us by some wicked tyrant, would you

not be like Peter of old? Would you not feel like drawing your sword and smiting him from the earth? Then Brethren and Sisters be careful that in your careless unconcerned way you do not take it from yourselves. We know that it is not your intention so to do; but, in a great degree you do it. Then in place of using carnal weapons, draw the Bible before your children and the people at large; place it in their hands, teach it to them that they may know what is required at their hands. Having done this we feel that you have discharged your duty, and not until then. If they fail to heed its counsel, knowing their duty, they shall be beaten with many stripes. Hence, we know of no better place to teach the Scriptures, of learning them, than in the Sabbath School capacity; the facilities are better, it causes more reading, more study and thought than our private study or reading. Divine Revelation has in all ages appeared to be exceedingly desired, and minds the most devoted among the famous sages of antiquity, conscious of their ignorance, sighed with painful anxiety to be instructed by a teacher sent from God. Perplexity and grief have agitated the breast of the thoughtful among the heathen, while contemplating the miserable condition of human nature. What was the origin of mankind, whence came our first parents, whither are we going through time, whence the mortality and misery of man? If a man die shall he live again, is there a future state of existence, can we obtain the favor of our Creator, will he bless us with happiness in a future life? We can learn this in the Sabbath School. We believe that no community, no country or nation can prosper without the knowledge of God in a National point of view. Then let us be wise, use every means in our power of becoming better acquainted with God's word and will, that our children when we have taken our departure like Elijah receive the mantle that we leave, that we taught them in Sabbath School how to sing God's praise, how to read his Word, and how to pray.

(C.) COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report: we have the sad intelligence of the death of one of our Deacons, Alexander Walden. He was born February 18th, 1788, and united with the Baptist Church at White Water in Fayette county, Georgia, in 1820, was baptized by Bro. Jas. Head, was ordained a Deacon in Hollow Spring Church, in Coweta Ga. by brethren Ben Holmes and John Fry in 1823. He was a faithful Deacon for many years. He departed this life June 7th 1878, aged 90 years, 3 months and 19 days, and we hopefully trust has gone to that blissful abode to reap the reward of our Heavenly Master, "for blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Then let us not sorrow as for those who have no hope. James A. SHADDIX, CH'RM.

(D.) *REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.*

Your committee are glad to report that we hear of no increase of intemperance in the Boiling Springs Association. On the contrary, we believe that our churches are more on their guards against the evils of the intemperate use of ardent spirits, and we would recommend our churches to be more diligent in discarding the uncalled for use of ardent spirits.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. JORDAN, Ch'mn.

(E.) *REPORT ON QUERIES.*

Your committee on Queries submit the following report: There has been one presented as follows: No. 1. Can we consistently grant a letter to a member who refuses to make his objection, on an application of an individual for membership, and also refusses to fellowship with the applicant.

(F.) *REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.*

We, your committee, submit the following report: As our people are in general need of Religious Literature, we recommend and urge it upon every member to read the Bible and take it for the man of his counsel. We also recommend the Alabama Baptist and the Baptist, by Bro. Graves, as a good religious work for instruction. Respectfully submitted,

H. C. KNIGHT, Chm'n.

(G.) *ANSWER TO QUERIES.*

Your committee appointed to answer Queries, in answer to Query No. 1, say that we cannot or consistently grant a letter to such a member. Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CAMPBELL, Ch'mn.

(H.) *REPORT ON FINANCE.*

We, your committee on Finance, respectfully submit the following: We find for Minute Fund,.....$ 23 05
Clerk's Fee,..... 1 55
Domestic Missions..... 2 45

Total,..... 30 05

J. H. ABEL, Chm'n.

(I.) *TREASURERS REPORT.*

W. H. Preston, Treasurer, in account with Boiling Springs Association.

To cash received from Finance Committee,.....	$ 30 05
By cash paid J W McClintock for Minutes, .. .	23 05
" " " " Clerk fee,....	4 55
Cash on hand for Domestic Misssions, ...	2 45

W. H. PRESTON, Treasurer.

Ordained Ministers.

A F Allen, Oxford,
J M Barret, Munford,
F M Campbell, Chulafinnee,
J W Chandler, "
T H Howle, Delta,
J D Jordan, "
W O Jenkins, "
H C Knight, Christiana.
E Miller, Oaklone,
J G Nall, Munford,
M J Sorrell, Chulafinnee,
J A Shaddix, Shinbone,
J F Watson, Chulafinee,
S T Collier, Delta,

Licentiates.

W J Campbell, Chulafinnee,
W W Coleman, "
M F McClintock, Delta,
M V Steadham, "
Jere Stephens, "
T L Smith, Munford,
T T Thomas, "
E M Moore, Christiana,
Wm Odell, Chulafinnee,
J W Stephens, Christiana,
W H Preston, "
T J Morrison, Delta,
D M Hembree, Oxford,
C C Barrett, Munford,
Irvin, Munford,

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE	CLERK'S ADDRESS.	Baptised	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excommunicated	Dead	Total Number	Minute Fund	Clerk's Fee	Sab. of meeting
Bethlehem	Cleburne	A F Allen	Oxford	J H Davis, Oxford	23	7	1	1	3		97	2 00	1	3
Ebenezer	Talladega	J G Nall	Munford	W B Wade, Munford	13	1					34	90		2
Hopeful	"	J M Barrett	"	W A Barrett, Munford		4		2	3		29			0
Salt Creek	"	J W Chandler	Chulafinnee	A Adams, Munford	9	2				2	48	1 45		3
Mt. Pisgah	Cleburne	J W Chandler	"	D N Hembree, Oxford	10	7				1	36	1 00	25	2
Providence	Talladega	J M Barrett	Munford	J F Millsapps, White Cloud	2	4					33			3
Union	Clay	J A Shaddix	Shinbone	G W Bruce, Shinbone		10				1	32	1 00		2
Sardis	Talladega	J W Chandler	Chulafinnee	R F Clark, Talladega	11	5					20			1
Bethel	Clay	F M Campbell	"	D E Humphries, Oaklone	6	1			2		76	2 00	50	2
Bethsaida	Cleburne	F M Campbell	"	J W McClintock, Chulafinne	2	2			8		28	1 00	50	4
Hepsibah	"	F M Campbell	"	S M Hingson, Oakfuskee	5	1	1		3	1	73	2 00		3
Pleasant Grove	"	J F Watson	'	Jas M Campbell, Chulafinne					5	3	1 25	1 00		1
New Harmony	"	J F Potter	Lone Grove	J M Hendon, Lone Grove	6	7	1		8		39	1 00	50	3
Pleasant Hill	"	F M Campbell	Chulafinnee	W J Beverly, Chulafinnee		10			2		1 30	1 00		1
Mt Moriah	Clay	T H Howle	Delta	W M Garret, Delta	6	3		1	7	1	1 87	2 00	50	2
Mt Olive	"			Kelet Sims, Delta					5	2				0
Ramah	"	T H Howle	"	T W Moon, Delta	12	5			6		61	2 60	50	3
Christiana	Randolph	T H Howle	"	W Kidd, Christiana	5	4			1		58	1 10		4
Good Hope	Clay	T H Howle	"	M F McClintock, Delta	11	2			2		54	2 00	55	1
Pleasant Grove	"	H C Knight	Lineville	W H Garrett, Lineville	5	5		1	2		73	1 50	00	